



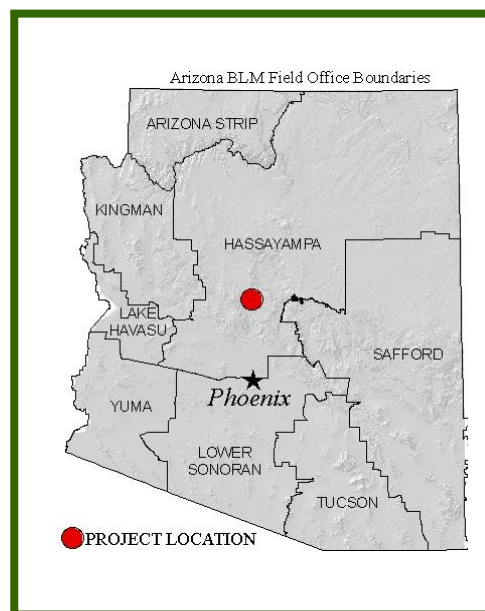
Department of the Interior Recovery Investments *Investing in America's Economic Recovery*



Black Canyon National Recreation Trail Construction

Need

The Black Canyon National Recreation Trail (BCNRT), managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other agencies, is a 62-mile corridor that stretches from the Sonoran Desert lowlands in Phoenix up to the high grasslands of Prescott Valley. The trail is designated for hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use. This project will repair and construct approximately 35 miles of trails and provide baseline condition assessment. Trail repair will consist of tread restoration; refurbishing water management structures along the trail; renovating switchbacks; and brushing out or cutting incursive vegetation. The balance of the project involves new or extensively re-aligned trail construction, using experienced contractors. Additionally, crews will construct three trailheads along the trail to provide public access. The project is scheduled to begin October 2009, and to be completed by April, 2011.



Recovery Act Funding

The BLM has awarded contracts for this American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project to the Coconino Rural Environment Corp (CREC) and the Southwest Conservation Corps, both of which will provide youth work crews to build 35 miles of trails. Additional contracts will be awarded to continue archaeology and wildlife inventory of the trail; to clear debris and fill glory holes; to provide and implement safety plans; and to blast through rock and calache to proceed with building a sustainable trail.

Benefits

The BCNRT Project will restore and preserve treasured landscapes, while creating outdoor jobs. The project also will provide educational and economic opportunities to Arizona's young people.



More Information

During blasting segments, work crews will take precautions to barricade the trail to keep the public from accessing the blasting zones. For more information on this BLM ARRA project, contact Mary Skordinsky, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 623-580-5586 or Mary_Skordinsky@blm.gov; or Pamela Mathis, Public Information Officer at 623-580-5509 or Pamela_Mathis@blm.gov.